

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 00990 201628Z

73

ACTION EUR-08

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 NSC-05 NSCE-00 INR-05 CIAE-00

CPR-01 (ISO) W

----- 066082

R 201622Z JAN 76

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5799

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 00990

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GW

SUBJECT: CDU/CSU CHANCELLOR-CANDIDATE KOHL WANTS TO
VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN MAY

1. THE CHIEF OF THE BONN OFFICE OF THE CDU/CSU
CHANCELLOR-CANDIDATE INFORMED US JANUARY 20 THAT HELMUT
KOHL WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WASHINGTON MAY 1-6. WHILE IN
WASHINGTON HE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON THE PRESIDENT AND
THE SECRETARY. WHEN HELMUT KOHL VISITED WASHINGTON IN
1974 HE MET WITH THE SECRETARY AND THEN VICE-PRESIDENT
FORD.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IS MAKING-
ARRANGEMENTS FOR A VISIT BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TO THE
U.S. SCHEDULED FOR JULY. IN ADDITION TO WASHINGTON, THE
CHANCELLOR WILL VISIT THE WEST COAST.

3. AS BOTH THE KOHL AND SCHMIDT VISITS WILL COME IN A
GERMAN ELECTION YEAR, IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT THE TREAT-
MENT THEY RECEIVE IN WASHINGTON WILL BE AN OBJECT OF
SCRUTINY HERE IN BONN. EVEN THOUGH SCHMIDT HAS THE
ADVANTAGE OF BEING AN INCUMBENT HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, IT
IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE APPEAR EVEN-HANDED IN
OUR TREATMENT OF THE TWO POLITICIANS. TRADITIONALLY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 00990 201628Z

GERMAN OPPOSITION LEADERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE

PRESIDENT (CDU CHAIRMAN BARZEL MET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON
IN 1973), AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO
OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT FOR KOHL. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE
CDU/CSU CANDIDATE WOULD FEEL HE WOULD HAVE TO FOREGO THE
VISIT IF HE WERE NOT TO HAVE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE
PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY LEST THE VISIT TURN INTO A
POLITICAL LIABILITY FOR HIM AT HOME. HE IS POLITICALLY
SENSITIVE TO THIS POINT BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY HE HAS
IN COMPETING WITH THE CHANCELLOR IN THE AREA OF FOREIGN
POLICY EXPERIENCE.
HILLENBRAND

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ELECTION CANDIDATES, NATIONAL ELECTIONS, OPPOSITION PARTIES, VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 20 JAN 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BONN00990
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760022-0013
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760142/aaaabkzf.tel
Line Count: 72
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26 APR 2004 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <20 AUG 2004 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CDU/CSU CHANCELLOR-CANDIDATE KOHL WANTS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN MAY
TAGS: PFOR, GE, US, CDU/CSU, (KOHL, HELMUT)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006